



CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LICENSED MIDWIVES

DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES

A. Regulation 61-24, *Standards For Licensing Midwives*, requires Licensed Midwives to show “evidence of 32 contact hours of continuing education during the licensing period” in order to qualify for renewal of the license.

B. Continuing education documentation must meet one or more of the following criteria in order for DHEC staff to find that education acceptable to meet the above requirement:

1. Original or readable copies of certificates of attendance at a continuing education program related to the practice of midwifery and issued by a recognized continuing education approval organization such as MEAC, AHEC, state affiliates of the ANA, ANA, ACNM or physician education providers. These certificates will include the attendee's name, date of program, name and signature of program instructor or coordinator and number of contact hours or CEU's earned. Distance education programs meeting the above criteria are acceptable. (NOTE: 1 CEU = 10 contact hours and 1 contact hour = 50 - 60 minutes of formal instruction.)
2. Certificates of attendance from other programs which have been submitted to DHEC Division of Health Licensing no less than 45 days in advance of the program. Providers of this education will be notified of the Department's decision prior to the date of the course if submitted as above. See application requirements below.
3. Independent study (e.g., journal readings) when certificates of education, as described above, are provided by the sponsoring organization.

C. Certificates of attendance or participation not meeting any of the above requirements will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and acceptance by DHEC is not assured.

D. Examples of continuing education which will not be accepted by the Department include but are not limited to:

1. Lists of books or journal articles read;
2. Undocumented education or documented education not meeting the requirements in Section B;
3. Education occurring before the first date of the licensee's current licensing period. (NOTE: Continuing education meeting all other criteria and earned after a license has expired will be accepted towards renewal of the expired license.)

E. Applications for approval of continuing education for programs not already approved as in Section B.1. must include the following:

1. Name(s) of provider and/or instructor(s) and their qualifications;
2. Name of course;
3. Date(s) of course;
4. Location of course;
5. Start and ending times and times for meals and other breaks, if applicable;
6. Educational methods used for each topic or objective (e.g., lecture, videotape, discussion, overheads, workbooks);
7. Number of total contact hours applied for;
8. Learning objective(s) for each major topic or time period in the program.

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For more information, please contact the Division of Health Licensing at (803) 545-4370.